

Remarks/Arguments

The above corrected claim listing is provided as a substitute for the claim listing in the applicant's Office Action response filed on May 8, 2006, and this substitute corrected claim listing differs from the original solely as to claim 18, showing its status identifier as "currently amended" and marked to indicate the claim dependency change from 15 to 17, as required in the examiner's Office communication of July 24, 2006.

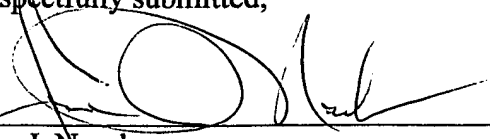
In explanation, the application was filed with claim 18 dependent on claim 17, and but was shown in the claim listing filed on November 7, 2005 as dependent on claim 15 (which was inconsistent with applicant's comment that the then-allowed claims 14-18 remain without amendment, at page 10 of 12 of the Amendment filed on 11/7/06). The presentation of claim 18 as original and dependent on claim 17 in the response filed on May 8, 2006 was an unintentional oversight via an improper internal correction of claim 18 back to its original state prior to claim amendment drafting.

The description of the claim amendments outside of claim 18 in this substitute claim listing, and comments and arguments traversing the claim rejections, have been submitted together with evidentiary materials in the Office Action response filed on May 8, 2006, and are not repeated herein, but instead incorporated hereinto.

Neither the faulty claim listing nor this response to the Office communication of July 24, 2006 was or is presented to delay the prosecution of the application, and instead entry of the amendments presented here, discussed in the Office Action response filed on May 8, 2006, and reconsideration and removal of the outstanding rejections thereof, are also respectfully requested.

Applicant again respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,



Joan I. Norek
Attorney for Applicant
Reg. No. 27,365
Tel.: (312) 419-8055